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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 49745  
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RANJAN, Rajiv Yadav, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7578  
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Application No.: 10/701,418 : Group Art Unit: 1773  
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Filed: November 06, 2003 : Examiner: RICKMAN, Holly C.  
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For: USE OF OXYGEN-CONTAINING GASES IN FABRICATION OF GRANULAR  
PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of February 7, 2006 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-19 and further elect Species (a) claims 1-10 for prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicants request rejoinder and examination of the claims of Species (b) (claims 11-19) upon the allowance of a claim from Species (a).

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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